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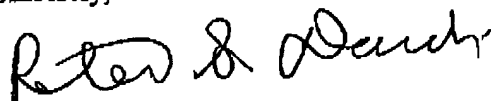
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Attached please find the following document for filing in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) Amendment in response to Office Action dated June 17, 2002.

Sincerely,



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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR CROSSLINKING TISSUE

AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 17, 2002, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 29-33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 and 34-37 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 29-33 are canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 based on an assertion that the application contained two groups of claims. Applicants elect group I claims 1-28 and 34-37 without traverse. Applicants have cancelled non-elected claims 29-33 without prejudice in view of the restriction.